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The old Eccentric Office, which was known as The Majestic, and which was originally the property of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Manser, has been described in a previous article.

The property on the southeast corner of West Maple and Henrietta Streets belonged to Mr. Erastus Beebe. After the death of his wife this property was rented to several different families.

Mr. Beebe reserved one room in which he stored his own furniture. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benedict were one time residents of the Beebe house. I am told that Mr. Beebe had a room called on the Benedicts and a d would sit on the porch in an easy chair and talk to Mr. and Mrs. Benedict about his life experiences.

After the death of Mr. Beebe this property was owned by his daughter, Mrs. Marian Wooster, mother of Lee, Erastus, James, and Eli, Jr. Mr. Eli Wooster, senior's children by a former marriage were Eugene, LaVanda, Elgina, Martha, Ida and Etta Elgina, the first wife of Mr. Hiram F. Daniels and her sister Martha was Mr. Daniels' second wife. Ida was the wife of Mr. Mike Bush and mother of Mrs. Glenn Bingham. Etta was the wife of a Mr. Kimball of Pontiac. He was the father of Mrs. Carrie Kimball Schilling and Mrs. Phelps, mother of Mrs. Emily Smith of Pontiac. Mrs. James Wooster was the former Miss Carrie Blakeslee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Blakeslee and sister of Mrs. Georgia Blakeslee Johnston of East Maple Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. James Wooster were the parents of three daughters.

Mr. Earle built a bungalow on the northwest corner of the Wooster property and this became the home of his aunt, Mrs. Rowe and her husband. Mrs. Rowe is now living at the Methodist Home at Chelsea, Mich. Mr. Rowe passed away many years ago. A daughter of Mr. Beebe, Mrs. Prudella Converse, also spent the latter years of life at this home.

The first house west of the Methodist Church was the old parsonage. Mr. Wm. Hawley of Detroit, writes me that when Reverend Bartlett was pastor of the First Methodist Church the parsonage was too small to accommodate his family, therefore, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips parents of Mrs. Wm. Hawley, moved to the parsonage and Reverend Bartlett and family moved to the Phillips house on Merrill Street near Southfield Avenue.

Mr. parents were married in the old parsonage on February 24, 1875 by Reverend H. O. Parkers. In the 80's the Ladies Aid Society, of which Mrs. Gaylord Simpson, mother of Mrs. Hattie Evans, was one of the most earnest and active members, always looked after the needs of the parsonage and aided in the raising of the pastor's salary. Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Lucy Cowles were great friends and always worked together for the best interests of the Church, giving of their time and energy for the advancement of the Church. There were others who also did their bit but I recall these two women most distinctly.

I have Rev. Edwin S. Nindas was the last pastor to live in the old parsonage. His sister, Mary, was his housekeeper and his brother, George, was often his guest. This was in 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. VanEvery became the next residents. The two eldest daughters, Marguerite and Genevieve, were twins. The third daughter is Caroline. Marguerite is the wife of Mr. Ernest Bartraw. Mr. James Wooster's brother Eli died many years ago. Eli's wife was the former Miss Winifred Aldrich. They were the parents of one son, Lloyd Barrow, who is a resident of Pontiac. James Wooster finally became the owner of the Beebe place and Dr. and Mrs. F. T. Shaw and daughter, Helen, lived in this house for a while. Later this property was sold to Mr. and Mrs. George Hupp who made it their home for seven years and then sold it to Mr. Herbert Earle. Mr. Earle moved the house to Martin Street and it became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lowe and family. Mrs. Lowe was the former Miss Josephine Purser. Mr. and Mrs. Earle were her foster parents and she was the sister of Mrs. Charles Bingham and a half-sister of Mrs. Myra Bassett (Mrs. Frank Bassett).

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General Election NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors of the
City of BIRMINGHAM
 County of Oakland, State of Michigan

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Birmingham, in the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on

TUESDAY, NOV. 3, 1936

from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

- President and Vice President of the United States
- Governor Representative in the State Legislature
- Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State
- Secretary of State Judge of Probate
- Attorney General Prosecuting Attorney
- State Treasurer Sheriff
- Auditor General County Clerk
- Justice of the Supreme Court Register of Deeds
- Court (For term ending December 31, 1943) Two Circuit Court Commissioners
- United States Senator Drain Commissioner
- Representative in Congress Two Coroners
- State Senator County Surveyor

And Also Amendments to the State Constitution
 Said election will be held at the following polling places:

- PRECINCT NO. 1**—Voting Booth at the Holy Name School—is all that territory bounded on the north by City Limits, on the east by Woodward Avenue, on the south by Maple Avenue, and on the west by City Limits.
- PRECINCT NO. 2**—Voting Booth at the Adams School—is all that territory bounded on the north by City Limits, on the east by City Limits, on the south by Maple Avenue, and on the west by Woodward Avenue.
- PRECINCT NO. 3**—Voting Booth at the Municipal Building—is all that territory bounded on the north by Maple Avenue, on the east by Woodward Avenue, on the south by Lincoln Avenue, and on the west by City Limits.
- PRECINCT NO. 4**—Voting Booth at the Wylie Bell Garage, east side of Elm Street, 150 ft. south of Maple Avenue, is all that territory bounded on the north by Maple Avenue, on the East by City Limits, on the south by Lincoln Avenue, and on the West by Woodward Avenue.
- PRECINCT NO. 5**—Voting Booth at the Embury Methodist Church, corner of S. Woodward and Bonaville—is all that territory bounded on the north by Lincoln Avenue, on the east by City Limits, on the south by City Limits, and on the west by City Limits.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
 City Clerk

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